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SUBJECT: TOASTS BY THE SECRETARY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER

OCTOBER 28

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE TEXTS OF THE TOASTS DELIVERED BY THE SECRETARY AND BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN AT THE SECRETARY'S DINNER IN HONOR OF CHAVAN OCTOBER 28.

2. THE SECRETARY: "DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME YOU AT THIS ELEGANT RESIDENCE OF OUR AMBASSADOR WHICH REMINDS ME OF THE HOUSE HE LIVED IN AS A PROFESSOR IN CAMBRIDGE.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL OUR INDIAN FRIENDS FOR THE REMARKABLE HOSPITALITY THAT HAS BEEN SHOWN TO US, FOR THE WARMTH WITH WHICH NANCY AND I HAVE BEEN RECEIVED HERE,
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AND FOR THE FRIENDSHIP AND CORDIALITY OF OUR TALKS WHICH CANNOT

BE REFLECTED IN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

3. THE INDIAN PHILOSOPHER, KAUTILYA, LISTED THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A MINISTER WITH THE SUBTLE ABILITY FOR WHICH INDIANS ARE KNOWN. THESE ARE THE QUALITIES OF A MINISTER AS DESCRIBED BY KAUTILYA: 'NATIVE BORN' -- THAT LEAVES ME OUT ALREADY -- 'OF HIGH FAMILY, INFLUENTIAL, WELL-TRAINED IN THE ARTS, POSSESSED OF FORESIGHT, WISE, OF STRONG MEMORY, BOLD, ELOQUENT, SKILLFUL, INTELLIGENT, POSSESSED OF ENTHUSIASM, DIGNITY AND ENDURANCE, PURE IN CHARACTER, AFFABLE, FIRM IN LOYAL DEVOTIONBN ENDOWED WITH EXCELLENT CONDUCT, STRENGTH, HEALTH, BRAVERY' AND A FEW OTHER THINGS LIKE THAT. 'THESE ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A MINISTERIAL OFFICER.' MY STAFF WILL PASS AMONG YOU IN A FEW MINUTES AND CERTIFY THAT EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST QUALITY ALL OF THESE ARE POSSESSED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THEY WILL ALL SAY A FEW OTHER THINGS ABOUT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHICH I'D RATHER NOT HEAR.

4. WE HAVE SPENT A VERY FRUITFUL DAY TODAY, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER. WE HAVE HAD VERY GOOD TALKS, AND WE HAVE FORMED THE INDO-AMERICAN COMMISSION WHICH I AM CONFIDENT WILL PERFORM A SIGNIFICANT SERVICE IN THE FIELDS FOR WHICH IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED. BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS OCCASION IS THAT WE TALKED TO EACH OTHER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG WHILE, FREE OF COMPLEXES. WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN WE DEAL WITH EACH OTHER THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT DO FAVORS TO INDIA BUT DEALS WITH INDIA ON THE BASIS OF A COMMON INTEREST. AND WE ARE NOT HERE TO SEEK MORAL APPROBATION FROM INDIA BECAUSE WE NOW REALIZE THAT WHAT TIES US TOGETHER IS A COMMON PERCEPTION OF THE KIND OF WORLD IN WHICH BOTH OF US CAN BE SECURE AND BOTH OF US CAN PROSPER. THESE INTANGIBLE QUALITIES, I BELIEVE, WILL BE EVEN MORE MPORTANT THAN THE SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS THAT HAVE BECOME APPARENT TODAY OR THAT WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE COMMUNIQUE. THE EXCHANGES WHICH I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF CONDUCTING WITH THE FOREIG MINISTER AND THE EXTENDED TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. WE WILL START THE SUBCOMMISSIONS VERY SOON.

5. WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO THE VISIT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER -- AND WE WILL ARRANGE AS RELAXED AND REFECTIVE A SCHEDULE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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HIM AS HE HAS FOR ME. SO LET ME TAKE THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS THE APPREICATION OF MYSELF AND OF ALL OF MY COLEAGUES FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH WE'VE BEEN RECEIVED, FOR THE SPIRIT THAT HAS ANIMATED OUR TALKS, TO EXPRESS THE CONFIDENCE THAT WHAT WE HAVE STARTED IN THESE TALKS WILL BE ON A MATURE AND ENDURING BASIS, AND TO LOOK FORWARD TO RENEWING OUR ACQUAINTANCE VERY SOON IN THE UNITED STATES. I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER."

6. FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN: "MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, MRS. KISSINGER, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. MOYNIHAN, ON MY BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND MRS. KISSINGER FOR GIVING THIS OPPORTUNITY AGAIN OF RECONSIDERING THE FUTURE OF THE COMMISSIONS IN A MORE USEFUL MANNER.

7. DR. KISSINGER HAS BEEN SPEAKING OF THE VERY USEFUL TALKS THAT WE HAVE HAD DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY. I THINK HE IS RIGHT THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE HAD TODAY WERE VERY FRANK AND FREE OF ANY CONFLICTS AS HE PUT IT. I AM SURE IT HAS HELPED US NOW AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP US IN THE FUTURE TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BETTER. NATURALLY ONE CAN'T SAY THAT THERE WON'T BE DIFFERENCE IN APPROACHES BUT AT LEAST WE WILL TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE PREFER THE WAY WE DO BUT OUR EMPHASIS WILL BE TO AGREE MORE AND MORE ON BASIC ISSUES SO THAT THE UNDERSTANDING WILL BE ON A FIRMER FOUNDATION. WE HAVE AGREED TODAY TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR ESTABLISHING A JOINT COMMISSION AND TO DEAL WITH DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF ADMINISTRATION, ECONOMIC COOPERATION, CULTURAL COOPERATION, EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION, AND I THINK THAT WILL HELP US TO COME CONSTRUCTIVELY TOGETHER, TO WIN THE MATURE RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE ENVISAGED. THAT IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT.

8. I THINK THAT DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT CERTAINLY WILL PROVE TO BE A VERY IMPORTANT STEP IN REDISCOVERING IF I MAY QUOTE HIM AGAIN THE COMMON PURPOSES IN THE APPROACHES OF UNITED STATES AND INDIA, AND THAT IS WHY I CONSIDER THIS VISIT A VERY IMPORTANT VISIT WHICH IS SORT OF A NICE LANDMARK IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE THE SAME DIALOGUE IN THE SAME SPIRIT WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVE WHAT WE BOTH OF US DESIRE. I MUST REQUEST YOU GENTLEMEN TO RAISE YOUR GLASSES AND OFFER A TOAST TO DR. KISSINGER AND MRS. KISSINGER." KISSINGER
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